

**MINUTES OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE FOR THE REVIVAL OF THE
LLANDEILO AND DISTRICT CIVIC TRUST SOCIETY**
at 8pm on Monday July 8th 2002, at the Castle Hotel, Llandeilo

Present

Councillor David Williams, Acting Chairman

Mrs Julia Jones

Mrs Angela Adams Rice

Mr Edward Thomas

Dr. David Townsley-Hughes

1. Apologies for absence : Mr Paul Regan
2. The Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Llandeilo Civic Trust Society, in St John's Hall, Llandeilo, on 14th June 2002, received from the Director for Civic Trusts for Wales, Dr Matthew Griffiths, who had chaired the meeting, was accepted as a correct record.
3. Matters Arising not covered in the Agenda Regarding
item 4 in which the Chairman had stressed that the Society must be independent, Councillor Williams emphasised that he agreed with the view that in the present and future relationship with the Town Council, his involvement was entirely on a personal basis, not as Town Mayor, that membership of the Civic Trust's committee should not automatically go with any appointment on the Town Council.
It was noted that a grant to assist the renewal of the Society from the Civic Trust for Wales was about £200.
Item 6 It was agreed that any press release about the revival of the Llandeilo Civic Trust Society should be referred to the Steering Committee before being released. Consideration will be given to making a local contribution to European Heritage Days in September each year.
In view of concern about managing the records of the society as a proper archive, Mrs Adams Rice recommended having a former archivist at the Victoria and Albert Museum as the Society's archivist. This can be considered when the new constitution has been established and the executive committee is being extended.
4. The activities of the Carmarthen Civic Society : Presentation by their Chairman Ms Kath Holford and Secretary Ms Margaret Evans.
(a) Major activities involve screening planning applications in Carmarthen, acting as
a watchdog in the public interest, campaigning for preservation, restoration and new improvements to Carmarthen through exhibitions, public lectures and debates, annual awards for building projects and community initiatives such as school competitions and tree planting.
5. Recommendations arising during discussion of the Carm. Civic Soc. presentation
(i) Preliminary programme of three events a year, an annual talk, an AGM and an Awards night : Townscape Awards for building improvements and good new buildings to owners, architects, contractors (up to three certificates per award)

- (ii) Newsletter (like Carmarthen sample)
 - (iii) Bilingual leaflet (like that for Carmarthen)
(Councillor Williams BroDynefor will do free translations, contact Kevin Campbell)
 - (iv) Develop a logo or emblem, special for our Civic Trust Society to use on our notepaper, newsletter, posters etc.
 - (v) Develop partnership with the Town Council
 - (vi) Aim to set up an executive committee that includes long established local people as well as incomers.
 - (vii) Monthly committee meetings except August.
 - (viii) Consider establishing a museum or exhibition centre to display photographic projects about the history, current and future developments of the area. Posters can be prepared with the help of Civic Trust Wales. Some funds can be obtained from Cadw to support such projects.
 - (ix) Keep a scrapbook of press releases for eventual storage in the County Record Office along with Civic Trust Society minutes.
 - (x) Blue plaques to commemorate famous people
 - (xi) Contribute local information projects to an exhibition such as Doorways of Llandeilo on European Heritage Days in September each year. Civic Trust Wales gives assistance with posters and some press publicity and their website Councillor Williams recommended that we could display drawings and plans (currently stored in Shire Hall) by an Oxford firm of Architects, of a Llandeilo Regeneration Study commissioned by the Carmarthenshire County Council in 1977, now shelved. DT-H to contact the Director of Dyfed Archaeological Trust in Shire Hall, regarding display in Shire Hall in September.
 - (xii) Contact Mr Eifion Bowen, Head of Planning Department at Carmarthen County Council to determine whether a Design Guide for Llandeilo is being produced.
6. Appointment of Officers : agreed as follows
- (i) Chairman : Dr David Townsley-Hughes, proposed by Councillor David Williams and seconded by Mr Edward Thomas
 - (ii) Treasurer : Mr Edward Thomas, already elected treasurer at the extraordinary meeting on June 14th. His election was endorsed by the committee.
 - (iii) Secretary : No one was immediately available to take on the full responsibilities of secretary. However Mrs Julia Jones agreed to assist the chairman in preparing the minutes of the steering committee by taking notes at the meetings.

7. Copies of a Model Constitution for Civic Societies received from the Director Wales were distributed by Councillor Williams as a basis for updating the Llandeilo Society

 8. Title and area of benefit for the updated Llandeilo Society 2002 onwards
 - (i) Title : The following title was agreed
LLANDEILO AND DISTRICT CIVIC TRUST SOCIETY
 - (ii) Area : It was noted that the existing area of the Trust was defined as Llandeilo, Ffairfach and Rhosmaen. DT-H distributed a map showing that Llandeilo and District could more clearly be defined as the areas of Town Council and four adjoining Community Councils, rather than that for the Llandeilo County Council Constituency of Llandeilo Fawr (including Llandyfeisant) Ffairfach, Trapp and Llandyfan (a constituency based on numbers in the population rather than associated communities). It was agreed that the area of the Llandeilo and District Civic Trust Society shall be defined on the basis of an association between Llandeilo and its four closely surrounding neighbouring communities :- Llandeilo, Dyffryn Cennen, Llanfihangel Aberbythyg, Llangathen, Manordeilo and Salem
(area boundaries as defined by the Ordinance Survey Map No. W/LG/LGR/5/76).

 9. New Constitution
DT-H will prepare a draft applying model constitution to the Llandeilo and District Civic Trust Society for the next meeting

 10. Date of next meeting : Monday August 12th 2002 at 8pm at the Castle Hotel Llandeilo.
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